

BULLETIN

Automotive Repairers Division



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Takata Airbag Recall – Repairers at risk as well

Dear Members

The tragic events of the past few weeks are a timely reminder for all repairers to be vigilant during the servicing and repair of vehicles affected by the Takata airbag recall. Globally, there have been reported cases of airbags being deployed while not in motion or caused by a collision. One man was killed, during a repair unrelated to the airbag system, by possibly leaving the ignition in the ON position causing the airbag to deploy. Investigations are ongoing, however technicians are reminded to strictly follow manufacturer's supplement restraint deactivation procedures found in VACC's TechOnline (SRS module), calling the VACC's Technical Advisory Service or by logging onto manufacturer technical portals found on the [FCAI website](#).

It's important for anyone working on, or road testing these vehicles to keep abreast of which vehicles are affected by the Takata airbag recall. More information and a list of affected vehicles can be found on the ACCC website [found here](#).

While it is the sole responsibility of the supplier (which includes, manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers) to notify consumers of a recall, often owners are unaware that their vehicle is affected so it may be an opportune moment to advise your customer to contact the manufacturer or an authorised dealer for further action.

While the recall does not render the vehicle unroadworthy, it's good practice for any licensed vehicle tester performing a roadworthy on an affected vehicle to note it on the report.

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